## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

MARY KAY INC.,	Š	
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Plaintiff,	§	
v.	§	
	§	C.A. NO.:
EVELYN LEE, an individual, and LEE'S	§	
LOFT, LLC, a Florida limited liability	§	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
company, both doing business as "Lee's	§	
Loft, LLC" on www.amazon.com, and	§	
JOHN DOES 1-10,	§	
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Defendants.	§	
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# COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES, INJUNCTIVE, AND OTHER RELIEF FOR VIOLATION OF 15 U.S.C. § 1114, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) AND RELATED CLAIMS

Plaintiff Mary Kay Inc. ("Mary Kay") brings this action against Defendant Evelyn Lee ("Lee"), Lee's Loft, LLC ("Lee's Loft") (both Lee and Lee's Loft, LLC d/b/a "Lee's Loft, LLC" on the website www.amazon.com ("Amazon")), and Does 1-10 ("Doe Defendants") (collectively, "Defendants") for trademark infringement in violation of the LANHAM ACT, 15 U.S.C. § 1114; false advertising in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(b); unfair competition in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); trademark dilution in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c); trademark dilution in violation of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 16.103; trademark infringement and unfair competition under Texas common law; and tortious interference with existing contracts, and alleges as follows. These claims arise out of Defendants' misappropriation of Mary Kay's trademarks in connection with Defendants' unlawful and unauthorized sale of Mary Kay products on the Internet.

### **PARTIES**

- 1. Mary Kay is a corporation, organized under the laws of Delaware, with its principal place of business at 16251 Dallas Parkway, Addison, Texas 75001.
- 2. Lee is an individual who, on information on belief, resides at 11078 Crystal Lynn Court Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32226, and may be served with process there or anywhere else she may be found.
- 3. Lee's Loft is a limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business located in Jacksonville, Florida. Its registered agent, Incorp. Services, Inc., may be served with process at 17888 67th Court North, Loxahatchee, Florida, 33470.
- 4. On information and belief, Lee is in control of, a principal of, and is primarily responsible for Lee's Loft and its actions.
- 5. The true names, involvement, and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associated or otherwise, of Doe Defendants 1 through 10 are unknown to Mary Kay. Therefore, Mary Kay sues the Doe Defendants by fictitious names. Mary Kay is informed and believes that the Doe Defendants include persons and entities assisting or acting in concert with Lee and Lee's Loft in connection with the actions complained of herein and include persons and entities that are responsible in some manner for the acts, occurrences and liability hereinafter alleged and referred to. The Doe Defendants are unknown natural persons and/or corporations/business entities that unlawfully acquired, distributed, or sold Mary Kay products. When the true names, involvement, and capacities of these parties are ascertained, Mary Kay will seek leave to amend this Complaint accordingly.

### **JURISDICTION**

- 6. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1338, and 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Mary Kay's federal claims are predicated on 15 U.S.C. § 1114 and 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a) and (c), and its claims arising under the laws of the State of Texas are substantially related to its federal claims such that they form part of the same case or controversy.
- 7. This Court has personal jurisdiction because the Defendants purposefully availed themselves of the privilege of conducting activities and causing a consequence in the State of Texas by advertising and selling infringing products to consumers within Texas through one or more highly interactive commercial websites.
- 8. This Court also has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because they are intentionally engaging in infringing activities with the intent of causing injury to Mary Kay, which they know is located in Texas.

### **VENUE**

9. Venue is properly founded in this judicial district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to Mary Kay's claims occurred within this judicial district, or in the alternative because a Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district.

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS Mary Kay and Its Trademarks

10. Mary Kay is a global manufacturer and wholesale distributor of cosmetics, skin care products, toiletries, and related products. The Mary Kay brand is recognized for its quality worldwide; its products are now sold in over thirty-five countries, including the United States.

- 11. Mary Kay uses a direct-sales business model designed to ensure that consumers only receive products that meet the company's high quality standards. Mary Kay products are available to the public exclusively through its Independent Beauty Consultants (hereafter, "Consultants").
- 12. Mary Kay devotes a significant amount of time, energy, and resources to protecting the value of its brand, products, name, and reputation. By selling its products exclusively through its Consultants, Mary Kay ensures that consumers receive one-on-one interpersonal transactions with Consultants that allow for consultation and guidance on the proper use of Mary Kay products. Consultants agree to maintain the quality of Mary Kay products by adhering to product storage, handling, sales channel restrictions and other applicable standards, as set forth in Mary Kay's Independent Beauty Consultant Agreement (the "Consultant Obligations"). These quality controls—among others—allow Mary Kay to ensure the satisfaction of consumers and maintain the integrity and reputation of the Mary Kay brand.
- 13. Mary Kay adopted the trademark MARY KAY® for its cosmetics products in 1963, and Mary Kay has continuously used the MARY KAY® mark in connection with its products since that time. In furtherance of its intellectual property rights, Mary Kay has registered numerous trademarks with The United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to its brand and products, including, but not limited to, U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 817516, 1070841, 1545983, and 1842599 (the "Mary Kay Registered Trademarks").
- 14. The registration for each of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks is valid, subsisting, and in full force and effect. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065, the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks serve as conclusive evidence of Mary Kay's ownership of the marks and of its

exclusive rights to use the marks in commerce and in connection with the sale and distribution of Mary Kay's products identified in the registrations. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 1115(b).

15. Mary Kay actively uses and markets the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in commerce.

16. Due to the quality and exclusive distribution of Mary Kay's products, and because Mary Kay is recognized as the source of high quality products, the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks have substantial value.

## Mary Kay Exercises Strict Quality Controls Over The Production And Distribution Of Its Products And Provides Customers With A Guarantee

- 17. Mary Kay maintains unique quality controls by conducting all sales of its products through its Consultants.
- 18. Mary Kay Consultants are authorized to sell products only in certain channels and to abide by the terms of the Consultant Obligations. Mary Kay enforces the quality controls established in its Consultant Obligations.
- 19. To maintain the integrity and quality of its products, guarantee that consumers receive undamaged, genuine goods, and ensure that consumers receive products that meet their specific needs, Mary Kay Consultants agree to follow quality controls for the handling, storage and sale of Mary Kay products.
- 20. In order to ensure that consumers receive the freshest possible product, each product is imprinted with a product coding system that indicates the date on which the product is manufactured. Most Mary Kay products are produced to have a shelf life of three years from the date of manufacture, which is the standard for the cosmetic industry. For products with a shelf life of less than three years, the expiration date will be clearly indicated on the product packaging.

Mary Kay instructs its consultants to rotate their inventory and to check the manufacture date for expired or soon-to-be expired products.

- 21. As an additional measure to ensure that consumers receive products of the quality they have come to expect from the Mary Kay brand, the Consultant Obligations require that Consultants agree not to offer or facilitate the offering of Mary Kay products for sale on the Internet, including e-commerce websites such as Amazon and www.eBay.com.
- 22. Mary Kay also provides consumers who purchase Mary Kay products through authorized channels of distribution a complete money-back satisfaction guarantee (the "Satisfaction Guarantee"). The Satisfaction Guarantee reads as follows:

Mary Kay Inc. stands behind its products sold by Independent Beauty Consultants. If for any reason you are not completely satisfied with any Mary Kay<sup>®</sup> product, it will be replaced without charge, exchanged or the full purchase price refunded following its return to your authorized Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant or, if she is no longer active, to the Company with proof of purchase.

23. This Satisfaction Guarantee does not apply to products purchased outside of authorized channels (*i.e.* purchased from anyone other than a Consultant).

## **Defendants' Sale Of Mary Kay Products On The Internet**

- 24. Defendants are not authorized to sell Mary Kay products.
- 25. Upon information and belief, sometime prior to February 2017, one or more of the Defendants created a storefront on Amazon with the name "Lee's Loft, LLC", through which Defendants have sold and are selling Mary Kay products.
- 26. On or about March 3, 2017, Mary Kay, through counsel, sent a cease and desist letter through Amazon's messaging service to the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront. No response was received and Mary Kay products were not removed from the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront.

However, the name of the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront was temporarily changed to "Beauty Mark, LLC" before it was later changed back to "Lee's Loft, LLC."

- 27. In order to gather information regarding the individual(s) operating the "Lee's Loft, LLC" Amazon storefront, a Mary Kay product was purchased from the storefront on or about March 11, 2017.
- 28. Based on the return address listed on the package used to ship the Mary Kay product purchased from the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront, as well as additional investigation, Mary Kay identified Defendants Lee and Lee's Loft as operators of the "Lee's Loft LLC" storefront.
- 29. On or about March 20, 2017, Mary Kay, through counsel, sent another cease and desist letter to Lee. No response was received.
- 30. On or about September 2, 2017, three additional Mary Kay products were purchased from the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront.
- 31. Based on Mary Kay's product coding system, the three additional products purchased from the "Lee's Loft, LLC" storefront were manufactured in December 2004, January 2005, and October 2005, all well beyond the three-year shelf life of Mary Kay products.
- 32. Defendants continue to sell Mary Kay products through their "Lee's Loft, LLC" Amazon storefront.

### **Defendants' Illegal Sale Of Mary Kay Products**

33. Defendants, without authorization from Mary Kay, have sold—and are currently selling—products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks on Amazon and, on information and belief, through other channels.

- 34. Defendants are selling Mary Kay products without authorization and in violation of Mary Kay's intellectual property rights under federal and Texas law. Defendants are not Mary Kay Consultants.
- 35. Upon information and belief, Defendants acquired and continue to acquire Mary Kay products from an unknown number of Mary Kay Consultants with the purpose of reselling these products on the Internet.
- 36. The products sold by Defendants bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are not subject to Mary Kay's quality control procedures and do not come with the Satisfaction Guarantee, both of which are essential elements of authentic Mary Kay products.
- 37. On information and belief, Defendants are selling Mary Kay products beyond their shelf life.
- 38. Through their unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, Defendants have misled—and continue to mislead—consumers into believing that they are purchasing products with the same quality controls and consumer benefits as Mary Kay products. In reality, however, the products sold by Defendants are materially different from genuine and authentic Mary Kay products.

#### Mary Kay Has Suffered Substantial Harm

- 39. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, irreparable harm to its quality control procedures, the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and its goodwill.
- 40. Defendants' conduct was knowing, intentional, willful, malicious, wanton, and contrary to law.

41. Mary Kay is entitled to injunctive relief because Defendants will continue to unlawfully sell Mary Kay products, including by selling Mary Kay products outside regular distribution channels, thus compromising Mary Kay's quality controls, and by selling products with the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks that are materially different than those offered for sale by Mary Kay. Defendants' ongoing illegal conduct has caused, and will continue to cause, irreparable harm to Mary Kay's goodwill, and has caused, and will continue to cause, Mary Kay and its Consultants to lose business.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Trademark Infringement 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114

- 42. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 43. Mary Kay is the owner of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 44. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 45. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 46. Defendants willfully and knowingly used, and continue to use, the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in commerce for the purpose of selling Mary Kay products without the consent of Mary Kay.
- 47. Defendants' use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with their unauthorized sale of products is likely to cause consumer confusion, cause mistake, or deceive consumers because it suggests that the products offered for sale by Defendants are the same as the

products legitimately bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and originate from, or are sponsored by, authorized by, approved by or otherwise connected with Mary Kay.

- 48. Defendants' use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with the sale of Mary Kay products is likely to cause confusion, cause mistake, or deceive because it suggests that the products Defendants offer for sale are genuine and authentic Mary Kay products.
- 49. The products sold by Defendants are not, in fact, genuine and authentic Mary Kay products. The products sold by Defendants are materially different because, among other reasons, they are not subject to the same quality control standards as genuine Mary Kay products and do not come with Mary Kay's customer service or the Satisfaction Guarantee.
- 50. Defendants' unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks has materially damaged the value of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, caused significant damage to Mary Kay's business relations, and infringed on Mary Kay's Registered Trademarks.
- 51. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, great damage, including to its business, good will, reputation, and profits in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 52. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Mary Kay is entitled to injunctive relief enjoining Defendants' infringing conduct.
- 53. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Mary Kay is entitled to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

False Advertising 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)(1)(b)

- 54. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 55. Mary Kay is the owner of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 56. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 57. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 58. In their listings on Amazon, Defendants have willfully and knowingly used the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in commerce with the sale and advertising of products without the consent of Mary Kay.
- 59. The use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with the unauthorized sale and advertising of products by Defendants is likely to cause consumer confusion, cause mistake, or deceive consumers because it suggests that the products offered for sale by Defendants are genuine and authentic products, and originate from, or are sponsored by, authorized by, approved by or otherwise connected with Mary Kay.
- Trademarks in their Amazon listings is material and likely to influence consumers to purchase the products, as consumers are likely to believe that products advertised by Defendants using the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are genuine Mary Kay products that come with the quality controls and other benefits associated with authentic Mary Kay products.

- 61. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, great damage, including to its business, good will, reputation, and profits in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 62. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Mary Kay is entitled to injunctive relief enjoining Defendants' infringing conduct.
- 63. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Mary Kay is entitled to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Unfair Competition 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)

- 64. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 65. Mary Kay is the owner of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 66. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 67. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 68. Defendants have willfully and knowingly used the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in commerce for the purpose of selling Mary Kay products without the consent of Mary Kay.
- 69. Defendants' use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with their unauthorized sale and advertising of products is likely to cause consumer confusion, cause mistake, or deceive an appreciable number of ordinarily prudent purchasers as to the affiliation, connection,

association, sponsorship, or approval of Mary Kay's products because it suggests that the products offered for sale by Defendants originate from, or are sponsored by, authorized by, approved by or otherwise connected with Mary Kay.

- 70. Defendants' unauthorized sale of products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in advertising, have materially damaged the value of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks and caused significant damage to Mary Kay's business relations.
- 71. Defendants' unauthorized sale of products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in advertising, infringe upon the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 72. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, great damage, including to its business, good will, reputation, and profits in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 73. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Mary Kay is entitled to injunctive relief enjoining Defendants' infringing conduct.
- 74. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Mary Kay is entitled to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Trademark Dilution 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c)

75. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 76. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 77. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 78. Mary Kay is the owner of the MARY KAY® trademark and has expended substantial time, effort, money, and resources advertising and promoting its products and services under the MARY KAY® trademark. As such, the MARY KAY® trademark is the means by which Mary Kay products and services are distinguished from others in the marketplace.
- 79. The MARY KAY® trademark is inherently distinctive, and as a result of Mary Kay's long, continuous, and exclusive use of the MARY KAY® trademark, it has acquired a secondary meaning associated by purchasers and the public with Mary Kay's products and services.
- 80. Mary Kay is widely recognized by the general consuming public as the designated source of goods bearing the MARY KAY® trademark.
- 81. After the MARY KAY® trademark became famous, Defendants willfully used the MARY KAY® trademark in connection with the unauthorized and illegal sale of products. Because the products sold by Defendants are not, in fact, genuine and authentic Mary Kay products, Defendants' activities have caused and will continue to cause dilution of the distinctive quality of the MARY KAY® trademark by lessening the public's ability to identify and distinguish genuine Mary Kay products.
- 82. Defendants' unlawful actions have harmed the reputation and goodwill associated with the MARY KAY® trademark, and Mary Kay has suffered and will continue to suffer

immediate and irreparable injury. Further, Defendants' actions have harmed and will continue to harm consumers interested in purchasing genuine Mary Kay products.

- 83. Mary Kay has suffered damages including, but not limited to, loss of sales, trademark infringement, and damage to its existing and potential business relations.
- 84. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116, Mary Kay is entitled to injunctive relief enjoining Defendants' infringing conduct.
- 85. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(a), Mary Kay is entitled to enhanced damages and an award of attorneys' fees.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Trademark Dilution TEX. BUS. & COM. CODE § 16.103

- 86. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 87. This claim arises under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 88. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 89. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 90. Mary Kay is the owner of the MARY KAY® trademark and has expended substantial time, effort, money, and resources advertising and promoting its products and services under the MARY KAY® trademark. As such, the MARY KAY® trademark is the means by which Mary Kay products and services are distinguished from others in the marketplace throughout the United States, including Texas.

- 91. The MARY KAY® trademark is inherently distinctive, and as a result of Mary Kay's long, continuous, and exclusive use of the MARY KAY® trademark, it has acquired a secondary meaning associated by purchasers and the public with Mary Kay's products and services throughout the United States, including Texas.
- 92. Mary Kay is widely recognized by the general consuming public throughout the United States, including Texas, as the designated source of goods bearing the MARY KAY® trademark.
- 93. After the MARY KAY® trademark became famous in Texas, Defendants willfully used the MARY KAY® trademark in connection with the unauthorized and illegal sale of products. Because the products sold by Defendants are not, in fact, genuine and authentic Mary Kay products, Defendants' activities have caused and will continue to cause dilution of the distinctive quality of the MARY KAY® trademark by lessening the public's ability to identify and distinguish genuine Mary Kay products.
- 94. Defendants' unlawful actions have harmed the reputation and goodwill associated with the MARY KAY® trademark, and Mary Kay has suffered and will continue to suffer immediate and irreparable injury. Further, Defendants' actions have harmed and will continue to harm consumers interested in purchasing genuine Mary Kay products.
- 95. Mary Kay has suffered damages including, but not limited to, loss of sales, trademark infringement, and damage to its existing and potential business relations.
- 96. Because Defendants have willfully, intentionally, maliciously, and in bad faith infringed on the MARY KAY® trademark, this case qualifies for an award three times the amount

of profits and damages and an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §§ 16.103(c) and 16.104(c).

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION Texas Common Law Trademark Infringement

- 97. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 98. This claim arises under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 99. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.
- 100. Mary Kay is the owner of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, which are distinctive marks and widely recognized by the consuming public. Products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are sold by Mary Kay's Consultants throughout the United States, including Texas.
- 101. Mary Kay is widely recognized as the designated source of goods bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 102. Defendants' knowing and willful use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with the unauthorized and illegal sale of products without Mary Kay's consent infringes upon the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks. This infringement includes selling products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks that are materially different from genuine and authentic Mary Kay products because, among other reasons, the products sold by Defendants are not eligible for the Satisfaction Guarantee and are not subject to Mary Kay's other quality control procedures.

- 103. The products sold by Defendants bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are not, in fact, genuine and authentic Mary Kay products.
- 104. The use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with the unauthorized sale of products by Defendants is likely to cause consumer confusion, cause mistake, or deceive consumers because it suggests that the products offered for sale by Defendants are the same as the products legitimately bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks and endorsed by Mary Kay when, in fact, they are not.
- 105. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, great damage, including to its business, good will, reputation, and profits in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 106. In harming Mary Kay, Defendants have acted with willful misconduct and actual malice. Accordingly, Mary Kay is entitled to an award of punitive damages.

## SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION Texas Common Law Unfair Competition

- 107. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 108. This claim arises under the laws of the State of Texas.
  - 109. Mary Kay is the owner of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 110. Mary Kay has registered the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 111. The Mary Kay Registered Trademarks are valid and subsisting trademarks in full force and effect.

- 112. Defendants willfully and knowingly used the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in commerce through the sale and advertising of products without the consent of Mary Kay throughout the United States, including Texas.
- 113. Defendants' use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in connection with their unauthorized sale and advertising of products is likely to cause consumer confusion, cause mistake, or deceive an appreciable number of ordinarily prudent purchasers as to the affiliation, connection, association, sponsorship, or approval of Mary Kay's products because it suggests that the products offered for sale by Defendants originate from, or are sponsored by, authorized by, approved by or otherwise connected with Mary Kay.
- 114. Defendants' unauthorized sale of products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in advertising, have materially damaged the value of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks and caused significant damage to Mary Kay's business relations.
- 115. Defendants' unauthorized sale of products bearing the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks, and unauthorized use of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in advertising, infringe upon the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks.
- 116. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered, and will continue to suffer, great damage, including to its business, good will, reputation, and profits in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 117. In harming Mary Kay, Defendants have acted with willful misconduct and actual malice. Accordingly, Mary Kay is entitled to an award of punitive damages.

# **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION Tortious Interference With Existing Contracts**

- 118. Mary Kay re-alleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
  - 119. This claim arises under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 120. Mary Kay has contracts and business relationships with its Consultants, who sell Mary Kay products.
- 121. Defendants knew Mary Kay had contracts and business relationships with these Consultants and that Mary Kay's agreements with its Consultants prohibited online sales and sales to resellers. Additionally, Mary Kay informed Defendants, via cease-and-desist letters dated March 3, 2017 and March 20, 2017, that its contracts with Consultants prohibit the sale of Mary Kay products on the Internet and prohibit sales to resellers.
- 122. Defendants intentionally interfered with the contracts and business relationships between Mary Kay and its Consultants by purchasing products from Consultants for the purpose of reselling products on the Internet in violation of the Consultants' contracts with Mary Kay.
- 123. Defendants acted with a wrongful purpose by encouraging Mary Kay Consultants to breach their contractual agreements by selling Mary Kay products to the Defendants, who intended to resell the products through unauthorized channels.
- 124. As a proximate result of Defendants' actions, Mary Kay has suffered damage, including loss of sales and damage to its existing business relations.
- 125. In interfering with Mary Kay's existing contracts with its Consultants, Defendants have acted with willful misconduct and actual malice. Accordingly, Mary Kay is entitled to an award of punitive damages.

### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

126. All conditions precedent to Plaintiff's claims for relief, if any, have occurred or have been performed.

#### REQUEST FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES

127. Plaintiff is entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs for this action, pursuant to the federal and state law identified herein, and Plaintiff hereby seeks such recovery from Defendants of all its reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and costs for prosecuting this action and obtaining the relief requested herein.

### **JURY DEMAND**

128. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims and issues so triable.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Mary Kay prays for relief and judgment as follows:

- A. Judgment in favor of Mary Kay and against Defendants in an amount to be determined at trial including, but not limited to, compensatory damages, statutory damages, treble damages, restitution, including disgorgement of profits, punitive damages, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, as permitted by law;
- B. That a permanent injunction be issued enjoining Defendants and any employees, agents, servants, officers, representatives, directors, attorneys, successors, affiliates, assigns, any and all other entities owned or controlled by Defendants, and all of those in active concert and participation with Defendants (the "Enjoined Parties") as follows:
  - i) Prohibiting the Enjoined Parties from advertising or selling, via the Internet or otherwise, all Mary Kay products,
  - ii) Prohibiting the Enjoined Parties from using any of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks in any manner, including advertising on the Internet,

- Prohibiting the Enjoined Parties from importing, exporting, manufacturing, producing, distributing, circulating, selling, offering to sell, advertising, promoting, or displaying any and all Mary Kay products as well as any products bearing any of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks,
- iv) Prohibiting the Enjoined Parties from disposing of, destroying, altering, moving, removing, concealing, or tampering with any records related to any products sold by them which contain the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks including: invoices, correspondence with vendors and distributors, bank records, account books, financial statements, purchase contracts, sales receipts, and any other records that would reflect the source of the products that Defendants have sold bearing these trademarks,
- v) Requiring the Enjoined Parties to take all action to remove from the Enjoined Parties' websites any reference to any of Mary Kay's products, or any of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks,
- vi) Requiring the Enjoined Parties to take all action, including but not limited to, requesting removal from the Internet search engines (such as Google, Yahoo!, and Bing), to remove from the Internet any of the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks which associate Mary Kay's products or the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks with the Enjoined Parties or the Enjoined Parties' website, and
- vii) Requiring the Enjoined Parties to take all action to remove the Mary Kay Registered Trademarks from the Internet, including from the website www.Amazon.com;
- C. An award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses; and
- D. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just, equitable and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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